

Additional CARV valve feedback from U of Toronto

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Tim and Kavita,

As an informal supplement to the research memo I sent earlier this week on our CARV valve findings to date, we received a follow up email from Bryan Karney of the University of Toronto late yesterday. He has not yet had time for a more in depth discussion with Cadmus, but shared the following overarching thoughts:

1. We are pretty careful not to endorse specific brands or manufacturers in our work as experience has varied and we have not done systematic testing of brands.
2. Yet in Canada, it is fair to say that non-US manufactures (particularly ARI and Vent-o-mat valves) have considerable traction and preference because of their strong track record in surge sensitive applications particularly, or perhaps because the sales people have done a great marketing job....
3. Our impression is the US manufactures have been slower than many to consider the modern requirements of air management but have been pushed gradually in that direction.
4. For pipeline systems as a whole, there is great benefit in a more open environment for competition and an incentive to pay attention to what the whole world is doing and learning. Pipelines are of worldwide significance, as is their performance and failure.
5. Someone really should do a comprehensive, long term study of air valves as collectively the field is full of claim and counter-claim and far too little argument from fact and evidence.

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